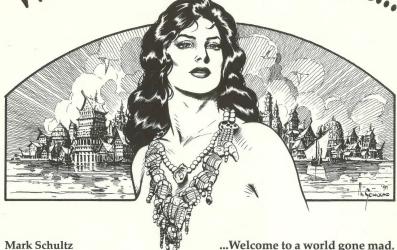


Welcome to the Xenozoic...



Mark Schultz writer and artist

Steve Stiles second story art

Denise Prowell cover color and lettering

Christi Scholl, Kevin Lison production

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In a time 600 years in the future, dinosaurs roam the earth with humans, and old cars race brand new woolly mammoths. In this time, all of Earth's ages have melded. Humanity must learn to live with nature, not try to dominate it. In this world, Jack Tenrec and Hannah Dundee search for answers to why the Xenozoic is as it is.

...And now, politics is complicating matters.

Tenrec and Dundee are in flight from
Jack's foes, those who would return to the
policies that brought on Earth's cataclysm,
...that brought on the Xenozoic Age.
The pair must battle their way to Hannah's land,
the land of the Wassoon...

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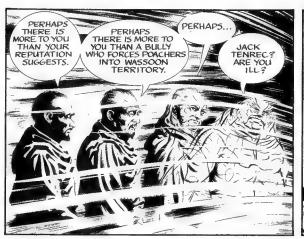


























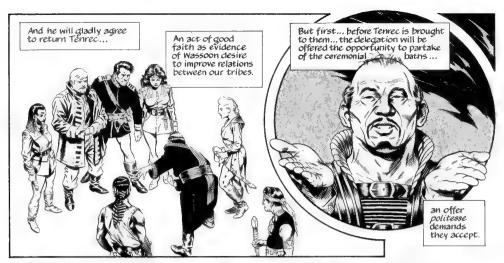


















Meanwhile, Hannah, you will go to Jack Tenrec, who, due to his own demons as well as our machinations, remains virtually sleepless.



As such, he is now in a very vulnerable, highly suggestible state of mind.

He should be overjoyed to again see the one person he trusts.



You will ask him to come with you to see Lord Drumheller who, you will explain, wishes to extend to him an official Wassoon welcome, clemency, and protection.





You will then lead Jack, and his carefully instructed guard, to the Grand Hall of Ancestors.







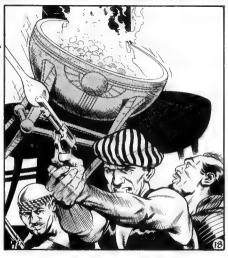


















Here it is, Xenozoic Tales #12...with a slightly new look. You will already have noticed on the cover a new logo Mark designed, replacing the one Peter Poplaski created and used for the first 11 issues. And, running down the side of the cover, you'll see: "Cadillacs & Dinosaurs"." Mark, through Kitchen Sink Press, recently signed a licensing agreement with General Motors allowing us use of the name "Cadillacs & Dinosaurs"." One immediate benefit from the agreement is a new Cadillacs & Dinosaurs" video arcade game coming from Capcom this fall. Watch for it!

John Kelly has published the first fanzine devoted to *Xenozoic Tales*. Called *The Xenozoic Newsletter*, it features an interview with Mark Schultz and an article entitled "The Ecology of the Xenozoic Times" by Wally Harrington, whose letters have appeared in this column. *The Xenozoic Newsletter* is available for \$3.25 postpaid from: John Kelly, PO Box 7642, Princeton NJ 08543-7642.

Another interview with Mark was conducted by Monte Beauchamp and will appear in a forthcoming issue of *The Comics Journal*. Watch for Mark's beautiful cover, featuring Jack and Hannah.

-Dave Schreiner

IMPATIENT WAITER 2

Great issue #11!—And thanks for publishing my letter (impatient waiter). It made the issue very special after waiting a year to the day. The wait was worth it for the quality of artwork—thanks Mark! I'm sure others will go into praise over special details and panels—I just like it all—maybe pages 10 and 11 best.

Now, if we only did not have to wait out the full year for #12 and the Wassoon...

Lawrence F. Merrion 1036 Mariposa Ave., Berkeley CA 94707

Well, it has been almost a year to the day between Xenozoic Tales 11 and 12—and once again, we hope the wait was worth it for you!

DON'T FORGET STILES

There's one thing I've noticed that's been going unmentioned about Xenozoic Tales. STEVE STILES! His work on issue 11, I think, stands up to some of Schultz's early work on Xenozoic (particularly page 2, panel 6).If I didn't know better, I would say that it was Schultz. J just

hope Mr. Stiles has not gone unnoticed by other readers due to Schultz's overwhelming talent. As for Mr Schultz, as usual, he managed to take his art and story telling to new plateaus. This is what a comic should be!

And it was nice to see Hermes again...

Mathew T. Ward 3405 Clifford St., Portsmouth VA 23707

LABOR OF LOVE

I had the good fortune to meet Mark Schultz at the 1990 Dallas Fantasy Fair. There he was standing at the Kitchen Sink booth. Given the eye-popping quality of his work, I never would have thought he would be such a modest, self-effacing person. And yet he is.

Praising Mark's work is kind of like saying the sky is blue: It's so obvious that it doesn't seem to even warrant mentioning. But I can't resist.

Each issue of Xenozoic Tales is better than the last. Issue 11, the latest, is quite simply a masterpiece (a word I do not use lightly). The art displays a sureness of the medium practically unachievable by other comics artists.

For instance:

His use of blacks for sculpting shadows.

The unusual mixture of panels.

How characters have individual expressions, not just some set look that other artists pull from their bag of tricks.

The sheen he puts to Hannah's hair.

The texture of the dinosaurs' skin. His use of hatchwork and halftones for aerial perspective. XT truly works as a black and white book. Those readers who've only been exposed to the color Epic version don't know what they're missing.

Just the sheer amount of detail Mark puts into his panels is something you next-to-never see other artists attempting.

I could go on and on about the art, but then there's the story in issue 11-a rip-snorting good yarn. Mark Schultz has fused the art and story together in a seamless union. It is flatout terrific.

It boils down to this: XT is not a comic book; it's a labor of love. Something that quite simply is so excellent that it is almost a shame to include it in the same category with other comic books. The letter column had its share of people bitching about XT's infrequency of publication. Sure, I'd like to see it more often, who wouldn't? But considering that Mark is doing the whole show, I'll just relish each issue whenever they're published.

PS: Does Mark ever sell any of his XT artwork? If so, I'm ready to put a framed page on my wall.

Kevin S. Miller 9455 Skillman, #312, Dallas TX 75243

Thanks for your gracious comments. To answer your question, Mark has not sold any of the inside pages of Xenozoic Tales. A big reason we did a handsome, 12-color serigraph with Mark was to answer the need of people like you, who want a collectible piece of Mark Schultz's work, work that is not available. The serigraph is advertised elsewhere in the comic. Plans are also afoot for a Schultz portfolio...but more on that later.

ADDICTING

I just finished thumbing through Xenozoic Tales 10, made up of beautiful, beautiful stuff. Great page layouts, composition and art. The more I look at it, the more I want to look at it. Amazing.

One of these days, I'm even going to read the text.

Pete Morisi 404 Burgher Ave., Long Island NY 10305

WANTS A MAP

I've truly enjoyed *Xenozoic Tales*, despite the erratic schedule. As long as it maintains the same quality, I'll be here for the long haul.

What I'd really like to do is to lodge a small complaint, but one that's been bugging me for some time now. This has to do with the first Xenozoic Tales collection, Cadillacs & DinosaursTM.

It's not the collection itself, but the inclusion of the XT map. Please explain to me why it is only in C&D, and not included in the regular title itself? It appears to me this is more of a cheap marketing ploy to squeeze more money out of fans of the book, than a bonus for those buying said collection. Yours isn't the only company guilty of this practice of adding a page or two of "extra" material in these omnibus collections, it's just you guys (& gals) I decided to vent my spleen on.

T personally resent being told, in effect, that I'm a sucker for supporting XT from the beginning, because late-comers not only get all the keen stories, but a "bonus" too. If I get a collection, it will be because I'd like a more permanent form of those issues, not because there's an extra page or two included.

I know this is a minor matter in the great scheme of life, but it is something I feel should be addressed, because not all of us have bottomless pockets.

As I stated, I'll be here as long as this title runs, and I hope you'll see your way clear and stick the map in an upcoming issue of *Xenozoic Tales*.

Marko Frontz 206 Princess Ave., Lancaster PA 17601

Not in an upcoming issue, Marko, this issue. See page 32. Your letter made us all feel guilty. so we've mended our ways and have included the nifty map Mark drew for the first collection. Actually, it wasn't a cheap marketing ploy to keep it out of the comic book, we were waiting for Jack and Hannah to leave the City in the Sea and head for the land of the Wassoon. The map helps to chart their journey. Thanks for reminding us, though, to watch out for you oldtimers who've been with XT from the beginning.

LIKES THAT B&W

Congratulations on producing what is, in my opinion, the finest comic book on sale today. It's a bit difficult to keep up with your exploits from here in the Barbados, as there are no specialty comic shops here and I have to rely on the occasional overseas trips to North America to keep up my supply. Whenever I do obtain a issue of Xenozoic Tales I always thoroughly enjoy it.

Mark Schultz's artwork is gorgeous-his attention to detail is wonderful to see and his renditions of the Xenozoic landscape and of all the characters make this book a joy to read and re-read. His storytelling is improving, too. With each succeeding issue he draws more threads together and gathers more momentum. I especially like the way that Mark is gradually developing other characters as well as Jack and Hannah-Dahlgren, Cairo and Scharnhorst are all interesting personalities.

I was trying to think of why XT isn't the number one comic book today. The only reason I can think of is that it is in black and white instead of color. I must admit that I used to be very reluctant to buy black and white books and, I suspect, the majority of buyers still are. I was converted to the strengths of black and white by seeing XT and, especially, by seeing how much better it looks that way than in the color version put out by Epic. I wish, so that XT is assured of a long run, that more people would be willing to sample b&w comics. Thanks again for producing a very high quality comic-I hope XT runs for a very long time.

Andy Armstrong #3 Sunset Crest, St. James, Barbados

GOOD STORIES TOO

As an aspiring cartoonist, I appreciate all the love and hard work that

Mark Schultz puts into every issue of Xenozoic Tales. It shows in the detail. While it seems that everyone who gets a letter printed praises Schultz, it also seems to me that all the praise is justified—and then some. Simply put, Mark's art ranks up there with Hal Foster, Alex Raymond and Dave Stevens in the all-time cartoonist hall of fame. Issue 11, "Primeval," reached an unsurpassed height of perfection.

However, Mark has also done something few cartoonists have ever done-write a good story. I don't mean individual chapters either. I mean the whole shebang. You see, like Alex Raymond, Mark has created an entire world with its own past and people (not to mention other denizens). In that respect Xenozoic Tales is not only good comics, it's good science-fiction. He's obviously put a lot of thought into his world, from bizarre architecture to strange names for strange creatures (that is, names you would expect a non-paleontologist to give dinosaurs and other animals).

But most important, Mark has never lost sight of his main characters-Jack and Hannah. Without them, there wouldn't be a story to tell. Without them, we'd be stuck with nicelooking but pointless EC-style short stories-all style but no substance. As it is, Mark has something to say, and he uses Jack and Hannah as his speakers. On one level, Mark speaks of nature and ecology, and of how man abuses the earth with no thought of the consequences. On another level, Mark shows us the many ways in which people have or have not listened to the lessons of their own history. Finally, there is the parable of nature vs. science, of the pros and cons of each. I'd like to say there's a love story here, too, but so far, Jack and Hannah have remained more innocent than a Disney movie (now that I can't believe!)

I thank Mark for not only entertaining me, but making me think as well. It also thank him for his artistic inspiration. I doubt I'll ever draw nearly as well as him, but his perfection is a great goal to aim for.

Aldo R. Perdomo 640 N. Normandie Ave., Los Angeles CA 90004

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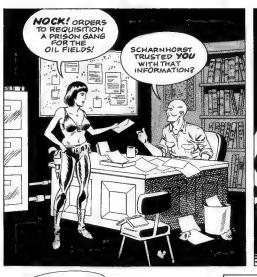
As an aspiring cartoonist, the first impression that Mark's artwork usually makes on me is—"WOW! How does he DO that?" To say the work is wonderful is a serious understatement—but then, it seems everyone on the letters page is raving like that.

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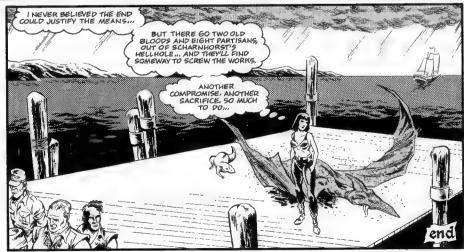












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Basically, Mark's work is of the kind that must surely either inspire aspiring artists, or else give up any hope of EVER getting that good. From a more fannish point of view, the Williamson feel to the rendering is always clear, but it's the Frazettalike figurework that if anything sets the work apart from Al's-in fact. makes it more exciting to look at. Somehow I picture the difference being akin to the different feels that film directors Robert Wise and Nicholas Mayer gave the first two Star Trek films, with Schultz's art comparable to the latter.

Today I wrote up a recommended reading list for a comics fan who's been away from the field for the last dozen or so years—and XT was on it. I

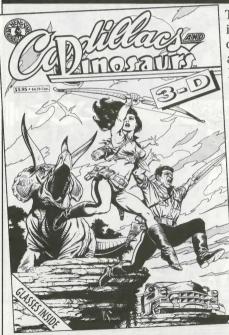
think the fact that most of the series has already been reprinted should make it easier for newcomers. In fact, maybe they (like myself, for I only picked up the series with the Cadillacs & Dinosaurs^m reprint) have an easier time of getting into the series than long-time devotees...

The letter column in XT 11 brings up a lot about ecology, and I'd like to add a few words of my own on the subject, specifically about "progress." As a child I was inspired by tv-cartoon science-fiction shows' vision of a beautiful, utopian future Earth. I believe it can happen, and should-if greed, ignorance and stupidity can be routed. But right now, here in New Jersey, I've watched a steady procession throughout my entire lifetime of urban decay accompanied

by suburban expansion. MORE housing developments. MORE shopping centers. MORE highways. MORE traffic lights. TOO DAMN MANY PEOPLE! There is no need to destroy another inch of forest or farmland in this state-there is plenty of room already that instead should be rehabilitated, re-developed. To anyone with a clear, unblemished view of the future and what promises it could hold, there is no excuse for an area like the city of Camden NJ to lay dormant and dying while the threshold of open lands keeps being pushed further and further away by unstopped greed. Forget Irag-we have enough homegrown corruption to tackle.

Henry R. Kujawa

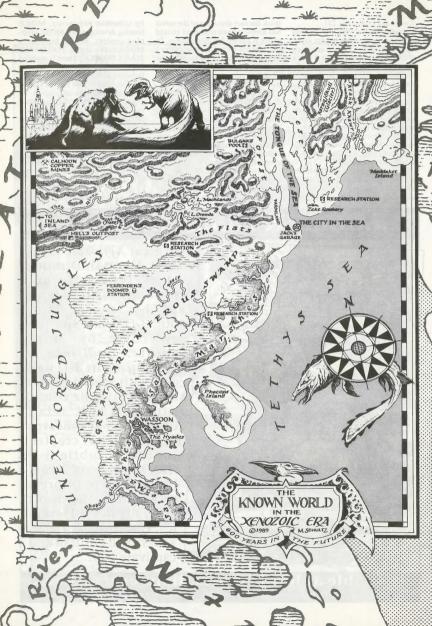
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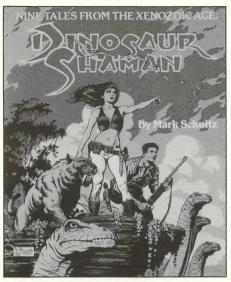
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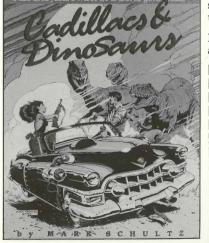
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